

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of : Peter SONDERMANN et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-40, without a prejudice, and substitute with the following new  
claims:

41. A recombinant soluble Fc receptor having no transmembrane domains and no signal  
peptide, and where no glycosylation occurs.
42. The recombinant soluble Fc receptor according to claim 41, wherein the receptor is a  
FcγR or a FcεR.